

James MacPherson
Transportation Committee
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Re: Raised Bill No. 406

My name is James MacPherson, and I come before you representing Connecticut Driving School Professionals to speak in favor of the changes in Raised Bill No. 406, An Act Concerning the Motor Vehicle Operator's Retraining Program.

The changes encompassed in the new paragraph (b) of Section 1, which will allow any drivers' school, as described in section 14-68 and that meets the licensure requirements of part IV of chapter 246, to offer this training should be welcome by all. The broadening of competition in the field should result in improved classes and, one would hope, improved results.

For years, this program had been administered by – and the bulk of the classes conducted under the control of – a school that has been closed for a wide range of misdeeds by the Department of Motor Vehicles. We now have three suppliers of this training: A Better Connecticut Driver, the National Safety Council and National Traffic Safety Institute. Opening the field to more trainers, who are based in Connecticut, would be beneficial for all the state's motorists.

Thank you for your consideration.